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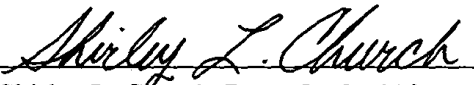
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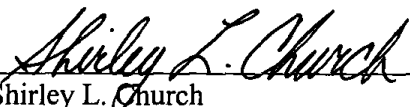
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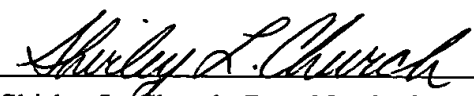
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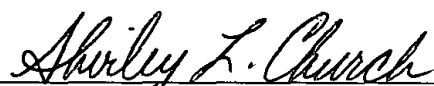

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Submitted herewith is a copy of a Search Report in corresponding PCT Application No. PCT/US02/21089. Applicants are providing copies of the two references which were cited in the Search Report. The English language abstracts of the German and Japanese references cited were downloaded from the Derwent World Patents Index, because the European Patent Office did not provide copies of the references with the transmission of the Search Report.

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If the Examiner has any questions, s/he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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